

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Richard DUBETTIER-GERNIER, et al.  
Application No.: 10/589,936  
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Title: Method for Renovating a Combined Blast Furnace and  
Air/Gas Separation Unit System  
TC/A.U.: 1793  
Examiner: Tima Michele MCGUTHRY-BANKS  
Docket No.: Serie 6501  
Customer No.: 40582

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated August 5, 2009 and the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 20, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks:

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.